



# 2012 Terrance Keenan Institute for Emerging Leaders in Health Philanthropy

October 2-3 | Washington, DC

Nomination Deadline: April 29

The Terrance Keenan Institute for Emerging Leaders in Health Philanthropy, founded by Grantmakers In Health (GIH) with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is a living legacy through which Terrance Keenan's words and deeds will continue to inspire future leaders in the field. The institute offers a tremendous opportunity for foundation leaders to enhance the professional development of their most promising staff by nominating them to be institute fellows.

Terrance Keenan (1924-2009) had a profound impact on the field of health philanthropy, as well as on generations of individuals who have been inspired by his wisdom and values. By example and instruction, he challenged grantmakers to exercise the freedom they have to invest in leadership and develop new institutions and systems to confront major needs. He encouraged them to embrace both the freedom to fail and the freedom to persist.

GIH created the institute to nurture talented practitioners who have shown the potential to be among the next generation of leaders in the field of health philanthropy, to build relationships among this cadre of emerging philanthropic leaders, and to connect them with established figures in the field.

The institute will be held October 2-3, 2012, in Washington, DC.

## The Institute Experience

Terrance Keenan Institute fellows will spend two days with seasoned leaders from the field of health philanthropy, many of whom are past recipients of GIH's *Terrance Keenan Leadership Award in Health Philanthropy*.

The program's emphasis will be on leadership development, mentoring, and building collegial connections that can endure throughout the fellows' careers. The institute's retreat format will include a mix of structured discussions, small group meetings, and time for informal networking. Topics will reflect key themes from Terrance Keenan's work and writings such as leadership, innovation, taking risks, and the creative deployment of resources available to grantmakers. To further nurture ongoing professional connections among the fellows, GIH periodically convenes them via conference call, and will hold networking functions at its Annual Meeting on Health Philanthropy.

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## Selection Criteria

Because institute fellows are expected to be among the next generation of philanthropic leaders, evidence of leadership potential will be a critical consideration in the selection process. Nominees will be judged on the many dimensions of leadership, including:

- thoughtful use of philanthropic dollars and other resources,
- creativity and risk taking,
- innovative and critical thinking,
- interest and curiosity in the challenges facing the field of philanthropy,
- effectiveness and respectfulness in working with both colleagues and grantees,
- management acumen,
- contributions to their foundations and the broader field, and
- demonstrated interest in assuming increasing responsibility and leadership roles.

To be eligible, a nominee must be an active grantmaker with a U.S. foundation working in any area that affects health or health care. Nominees may be program officers, program directors, or other staff directly involved in grantmaking, and must be under the age of 45.

## Nomination Process

Terrance Keenan Institute fellows must be nominated by the president and CEO or executive director of their respective foundations. CEOs may nominate only **one** individual. Since more than one staff person may express interest in the institute, we ask that careful consideration be given to the nomination process.

The nomination package must include:

- A statement presenting the nominee's defining characteristics, describing his or her leadership potential, and how the nominee will benefit from participation in the institute. The statement should also include a brief biographical profile of the nominee, including a summary of his or her contributions to health philanthropy. This may be in the form a letter, which should not exceed four single-spaced typed pages.
- Name and contact information for one individual from the field of health philanthropy who can serve as a reference.
- Complete contact information, including name, title, organization, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address for the nominee, nominator, and person serving as a reference. For your convenience, a form for submitting this information is available at [www.gih.org](http://www.gih.org).

No additional supporting documents are necessary.

There is no charge to attend the institute. However, fellows' organizations are responsible for their travel and hotel expenses.

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Please submit nomination packets to:

Terrance Keenan Institute Selection Committee  
Grantmakers In Health  
1100 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Suite 1200  
Washington, DC 20036

Nominations must be received by **April 29, 2012**.

### **Selection Process**

Institute fellows will be selected by a committee of executive staff from foundations around the country. In addition to the nomination letter, nominees will be asked to respond to a brief questionnaire designed to provide a deeper understanding of their experiences, as well as their thinking about health philanthropy, leadership, and risk taking.

The committee will review all nominations and select up to 20 fellows to participate in the program. GIH will notify nominees of the committee's decisions by June 10, 2012. Decisions of the selection committee are final.

### **About GIH**

GIH is an educational organization serving the trustees and staff of foundations and corporate giving programs. It is dedicated to helping grantmakers improve the health of all people. Through programs, publications, professional counsel, and other offerings, GIH works to foster communication and collaboration among grantmakers and others and to help build the grantmaking community's knowledge, skills, and effectiveness. GIH is a nationally recognized resource on and for health philanthropy, supported by nearly 250 funders annually.

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